(c) whether implementation of the revival scheme is awaiting clearance from the promoter i.e. Government of India;

(d) whether BIFR has giventwo months' time ıg which the company would be sold;

(e) if so, the reasons for the delay in taking the decision to revive this company and the time frame set by Government to commence the revival process'[1]

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) yes. Sir

(b) to (e) The revival scheme of BSC'L is under consideration of the Government for finalisation of its views on the revival plan. Since BSCL is multi-unit & multi-product company, thorough examination required for determing its viability was a time consuming process for the consultant. BIFR, however has given two months time for firming-up the Govt's views. BIFR will finally examine the revival plan after taking into account the views of all interested parties including the promotors.

Autonomy to PSUs

1716. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(;!! whether there is any proposal to impart more autonomy to PSUs and make them more accountable; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) am! lb) Making PSUs moie autonomous and more accountable is a continuous process for which need based steps are taken bv the Government from time to time.

Survey to find out SC&'STs/OBC* and Minorities below Poverty Line

1717 SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government to find out the number of SCs, STs, Backward Classes and minorities in the country who are below poverty line;

(b) if so. the details thereof, Statewise,

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard"

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) As per the information received from the Planning Commission, the State-wise data on the percentage of SCs living below the poverty line is available for 1977-78 and 1983-84, and given in the enclosed statement *(Sec* below). There are 29.05 million, i.e. 49.87% of the estimated population belonging to STs below the poverty line in 1987-88, but State-wise data is not available.

No such survey has bt>;n done in respect of the minorities and the Backward Classes,

Statement

Estimates of persons below Poverty Line (Annexture-l}

Percentage of SC Households to total (Rural A Urban) Households below Poverty Line during 1977-

78 and 1983-84

s. No.	States/UTs	Scheduled Caste 1977-78	1983-84
1.	Andhra Pradesh	59.34	51.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh		

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3	Assam	57.12	28.00
4	Bihar	77.75	71.00
5	Goa	....	_
6	Gujarat	51.00	39.00
7	Haryana	36.65	27.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	41.67	23.50
9	J *& K*	S0.48	32.00'
10	Karnataka	75.24	54.10
11	Kerala	63.9.1	43.90
12	Madhya Pradesh	71.77	59.30
13	Maharashtra	74.84	55.90
14	Manipur	~	_
15	Meghalaya	—	__
16	Mizoram	_	—
17	Nagaland	.._	—
18	Orissa	80.05	54 90
19	Punjab	23.64	21 80
20	Rajasthan	41.41	44.90
21	Sikkim	—	-~.
22	Tamil Nadu	75.29	59.40
23	Tripura	_.	_.
24	Uttar Pradesh	64.83	57.30
25	West Bengal	70.75	52.00
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26	A&N Islands	_	—
27	Chandigarh	—	_
28	D&N Haveli	—	__
29	Delhi	__	—
30	Daman & Dsu	—	._.
31	Lakshadweep	_	—
32	Pondicherry	—	_
	ALI INDIA	64.64	53.10

Protection of Elder* on the lines of the Chinese Law

1718. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen a press report which appeared in the Tiroes of India, dated 1st September, 19% under the heading "Support the parents or face penalty-State Chinese Law";

(b) if so, whether there is any move on the part of Government to ^opt such method for the protection of elders in the country on the lines of Chinese law; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?